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Nova News
Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

As term 1 ends, I have been reflecting on our achievements and our struggles since September. It was joyous to see so many of you smiling at our parent consultations this week and it was clear that the vast majority of children were praised by their teachers for their hard work and progress. Many, many thanks to those of you that completed our questionnaire; we will send it out via email so those of you that we didn't catch will have the opportunity to do it at home.

One of our biggest priorities has been implementing the changes to our behaviour policy. As a school we have had to be consistent and persistent in ensuring that children who do the right thing and work hard are recognised for this, but we have also had to make some

Dates for your diary

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We know how important it is to be able to plan in advance. We will endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible with school events.

Bristol Term Dates for 2019 – 2020

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Term 1
Mon 2nd Sept 2019 to Fri
25th Oct 2019

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Term 2
Mon 4th Nov 2019 to Fri

tough decisions about issuing consequences for less desirable behaviour. Our Golden Rights make it clear:

‘Everybody has the right to learn.’

‘Everybody has the right to be safe and happy.’

We have to do everything within our power to give every child the chance to flourish and the classroom MUST be calm, focused and of course, safe. You, as parents and carers, have been extremely supportive of our new policy and though we have to continue to strive for the very best behaviour as a school, I must praise the children for their efforts. I have shown two groups of prospective parents around the school this term and both commented on the ‘amazing’ behaviour and attitudes to learning. Our Local Authority representative, who also toured the school, thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children in action and was most impressed with their confidence and determination to succeed.

For Mrs Thorpe and I, the most wonderful experience this term has been ‘Hot Chocolate Friday’, a chance for our ‘Nova Superstars’ winners to share a warm drink and a biscuit and talk about their successes. I think the fact that we do this in the staff room makes it extra special! We are always captivated by the children

20th Dec 2019

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Term 3

Mon 6th Jan 2020 to Fri

14th Feb 2020

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Term 4

Mon 24th Feb 2020 to Fri

3rd April 2020

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Term 5

Mon 20th April 2020 to Fri

22nd May 2020

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Term 6

Mon 1st June 2020 to Mon

20th July 2020

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
THE FOLLOWING INSET
DAYS 19/20**

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Inset Day 3

Monday 6th January 2020

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Inset Day 4

Friday 3rd April 2020

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Inset Day 5

Monday 20th July 2020

as they tell us about their learning and all their news and it really is the most wonderful way to end the week.

Next term will be full of hard work, but we have all the Christmas celebrations to look forward to. Please check the dates section of this email to ensure you are well-planned! In assemblies we will be focusing on festivals and celebrations as this time of year is packed full of fascinating and spiritual celebrations for many different cultures and faiths- the children are always mesmerised by these.

Please ensure you do your very best to aim for brilliant attendance and punctuality. Janet and Mrs Crawford are working tirelessly to improve attendance at Nova, but we all play our part in ensuring children are in school and learning.

Have a wonderful half term and I look forward to seeing you all in a week's time.

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris
Headteacher

Other Useful Dates:

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Y2 Great Fire of London

Workshop

13th November

Children invited to dress up as a character or fire!

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School Photographs

(Individual)

14th November

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Y2 Fire Brigade Visit

15th November

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Children In Need

15th November

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**Year 5/6 Morfa Bay
Camp**

19th - 22nd November

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CANParents/Carers

Coffee Morning

21st November

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Flu Vaccinations

2nd December

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KS1/KS2 PTFA

Christmas Disco

6th December

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**Reception Christmas
Concert & Market Stalls**



12th December - 10.30am
- 11.30am

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Christmas Jumper Day

13th December

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Reception Stay and Play

13th December

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Carols Around the Tree

16th December @ 3.30pm

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Christmas Lunch

17th December

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Pantomime for all pupils

20th December

MEET THE TEAM



Name: Sarah Matthews

Role: Teaching Assistant

The best part of the role:

When you notice a child slowly improving in an area they find tricky and then being proud of their own accomplishments.

Hobbies:

Reading, spending time with my family on days out etc and the odd bit of exercise (when it's not too hot or too cold). I also like lazing around - if I ever get a chance - but that's not really a hobby!!

Favourite quote:

"It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities"

Experience:

I was an SMSA for a year, then I helped in a Year 1 class for a while and then in any class that needed me. I then covered another TA's maternity leave and worked in Year 6 for a year. During that year, I completed and passed my 'Specialist Support in Teaching and Learning Level 3 (Diploma)' and am now a full time TA.

OTHER NEWS



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Autumn Term 2	
Monday 4 th November	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop Children invited to dress up
Thursday 14 th November	School Photos (individual)
Friday 15 th November	Year 2 Fire Brigade Visit
Friday 15 th November	Children In Need Day
Tuesday 19 th – Friday 22 nd November	Year 5/6 Morfa Bay Camp
Thursday 21 st November	CAN Parents/Carers Coffee Morning
Monday 2 nd December	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 6 th December	PTFA Christmas Disco KS1 4pm – 5pm KS2 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 12 th December	Reception Christmas Concert and Market Stalls 10.30am – 11.30am
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 th December	Reception Stay and Play until 10.00am
Monday 16 th December – 3.30pm	Carols Around the Tree
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th December	Pantomime
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Monday 6 th January	Inset Day

School Meals Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

We require a School Meals Supervisory Assistant to work with our children

across our lunchtime from either 12.00pm to 1.00pm or 12.30pm to 1.30pm. You will carry out a range of duties both in the dining hall and outside on either the KS1 or KS2 playgrounds. You will be able to build good relationships with both children and class teachers. You will work as part of a team to deliver high quality play activities and care during the lunch hour.

The role is for 5 hours per week paid at the Bristol Grade 2 rate of £17,364 FTE which equates to £9.00 per hour.

We are committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS (formerly CRB) check is required for the successful applicant.

The ability to converse at ease with members of the public and provide advice in accurate spoken English is essential for the post

For an application form please email the school (nova.p@bristol-schools.uk) or contact the school office.

We would also be interested in hearing from people who don't want to commit to a permanent role but would be interested in working on a casual basis.



Contact details for Shine are:

07932 873476

info@myshine.co.uk



CLUBS RUNNING AT YOUR SCHOOL

THIS TERM

15:15 - 17:00

MON

Outdoor Adventure / Reception - Year 6
My Time / Reception - Year 6

TUE

Cookery Club / Reception - Year 6
Football Club / Reception - Year 6

WED

Gymnastics Club / Reception - Year 6
My Time / Reception - Year 6

THU

Athletics & Running Club / Reception - Year 6

FRI

£2
per session

Multi Sports Club / Reception - Year 6

**TERM 2 CLUBS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING
ON 17TH OCTOBER**



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